

**WATER FEATURE POLICY  
APPROVED BY CITY OF MESA  
CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE  
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Because Mesa is located in the Sonoran Desert and water is a limited resource, it is important we project an image of using our water as efficiently as possible for the benefit of all our citizens. Therefore, water conservation and community image should be an important consideration in the design and location of fountains and other water features. It shall be the policy of the City of Mesa that, during the process of approval, the following recommendation shall accompany all plans that include fountains or other water features:

Water features (i.e. pools, ponds, fountains, streams, waterfalls, etc...) unless serviced with reclaimed water or part of a publicly-oriented outdoor recreation facility, shall be sited only within small-scale pedestrian-oriented places. Entrance water features placed to be seen primarily from moving vehicles are discouraged.

Water features that reduce evaporation, such as cascading rather than vertical spray, are recommended. Water features should be designed to be efficient users of water by maximizing the amount of water recycled and minimizing the amount of make-up water required. They should be designed using equipment and materials which would minimize leakage throughout the life of the water feature.